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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: DCI Briefing of Intelligence Operations Subcommittee of
Senate Appropriations Committee--5 May 1972

25X1 1. On 5 May 1972, the Director briefed the Intelligence Operations Subcommittee, Senate Appropriations Committee, on the community budget. The meeting lasted from 0930 hours until 1230 hours. A technical sweep of the room, S 126 in the Capitol, was conducted and the room was kept under technical monitoring throughout. Discussions included SI, TKH and [redacted] material. No transcript was taken and the prepared statement is on file in the Office of Legislative Counsel.

2. Present for all or part of the session were:

Allen J. Ellender (D., La.), Chairman
Milton R. Young (R., N. Dak.)
Margaret Chase Smith (R., Maine)

3. Present from the Committee staff was:

William Woodruff, Counsel

4. Accompanying the Director were:

25X1 Bronson Tweedy, D/DCI/IC
[redacted] DCI/IC/Comptroller
John M. Maury, Legislative Counsel

5. At the outset the Chairman inquired about the situation in Vietnam. In replying the Director noted, among other factors, the superiority of certain Soviet weapons being provided the North Vietnamese over the U.S. weapons being provided ARVN. Senator Young complimented the Director on the objectivity of his briefings, and inquired about the effects of interdiction bombing. The Director replied the Communist supplies "keep coming."

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6. In response to a question by the Chairman, the Director explained what the National Intelligence Budget of [] covered, how military personnel involved in intelligence work, both in the Defense Department and in the Agency, are paid, and where the much publicized [] figures for U.S. intelligence came from. At this and other points in the discussion the Chairman complained of the excessive number of people engaged in military intelligence, and contended that it was much more costly to use military personnel than civilians in many of these jobs. The Director tended to agree, but said there were some jobs which could not be done satisfactorily by civilians.

7. The Director then began his prepared statement. In the course of a number of interruptions by the members, the following additional points were brought out:

a. In response to a question by the Chairman the Director said Dr. Kissinger had no authority over the DCI other than as a representative of the President. He said the National Security Council Intelligence Committee (NSCIC) fills an important need by establishing top level requirements and detailing the adequacy of intelligence in support of national policy.

b. The Chairman asked what programs the Director had cut since the establishment of the NSCIC and the Director replied that one of his main jobs under the new arrangement was to recommend such cuts. The Chairman complained about the size and expense [] and of duplication among the services generally.

c. Senator Smith asked how disagreements in the NSCIC were resolved and the Director said there had been no serious problem to date but if one arose it would probably ultimately be resolved by the President.

d. The Director gave Senator Young examples of the kinds of studies in which the Intelligence Resources Advisory Committee (IRAC) is involved.

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e. Returning to the point about the desirability of using civilians instead of military personnel, the Chairman deplored the mounting cost of military retirement benefits.

f. At another point the Chairman complained of wasted manpower and duplication in embassies, alleging that embassy political sections spend most of their time reporting on information which might better be reported by the Agency.

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g. [] demonstrated a model of the [] vehicle.

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h. The Chairman spoke with pride of his role in supporting []

i. In response to a question about the new Soviet bomber the Director volunteered to cover this item briefly when he appears before the Subcommittee on the Agency budget on Monday, 8 May.

j. The Chairman expressed particular interest in the economies being achieved through the consolidated map procurement program and expressed the hope that this could be emulated in other fields.

k. Senator Young thought it unfortunate that the Agency is occasionally saddled with "non-intelligence" programs such as the paramilitary program in Laos, and the Director noted that we are no longer funding this program.

l. The Chairman warned the Director to be on the lookout for devious methods of concealing intelligence expenditures by some members of the community, such as charging them up to O&M.

m. In conclusion, the Chairman and Senators Smith and Young enthusiastically complimented the Director on the presentation.

8. Follow up action:

When the Director appears before the Subcommittee on 8 May regarding the Agency budget, Mr. Woodruff recommends that he should briefly cover:

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OCI is preparing material on each of the above, and will also provide the Director with the latest material on Vietnam.

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